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 SUBJ: STATUS OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST JAPANESE

REF: A. SEOUL 5542 B. SEOUL 5521

1. ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEOUL APPEAR TO HAVE DIMINISHED IN SCOPE AND NUMBER OVER WEEKEND BEGINNING AUG 24. THIS MAY BE DUE PARTLY TO JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER'S EXPRESSED REGRET ON AUG 22 THAT PLOT HAD ORIGINATED IN JAPAN AS WELL AS KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED HERE IN WHICH HE RELATED PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S ASSURANCES OF A THOROUGH PROBE OF MUN CASE.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS HERE AS WELL AS RELATED RALLIES IN PUSAN, KWANGJU AND OTHER CITIES WERE NOTABLE FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION AND OVERALL RESTRAINT. PARTICIPANTS WERE LARGELY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND SOME GIRLS FROM AT LEAST 24 SCHOOLS (THOUGH SOME WOMEN'S GROUPS ALSO RALLIED). HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOWED OVERALL CONTROL AND AMENABILITY TO POLICE RIOT SQUADS DESPITE

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SPORADIC CLASHES WHEN STUDENTS BLOCKED TRAFFIC OR BECAME
OVERLY BOISTEROUS.

3. DURING WEEKEND, PRESS ESTIMATED 1,000 WRITERS AND
ARTISTS REPRESENTING KOREAN FEDERATION OF ARTISTS
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS ASSEMBLED IN RALLY AT
MYONGBONG ART THEATER. THEIR SLOGANS REPORTEDLY FOCUSED
GENERALLY ON DENUNCIATION OF ALLEGED NORTH KOREAN
PARTICIPATION IN ASSASSINATION PLOT, CALL FOR UNITY
IN NATION, AS WELL AS MAINTAINING THAT INTEREST OF
NATION WAS ABOVE INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS.
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